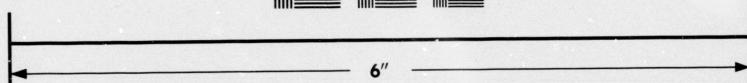
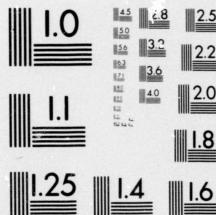
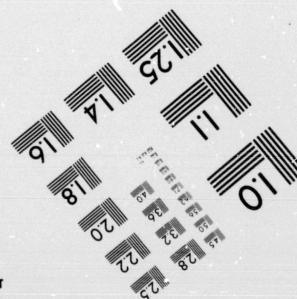


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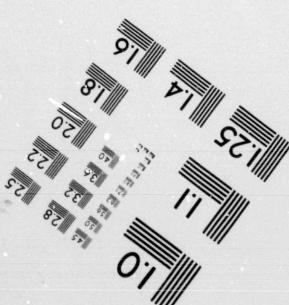


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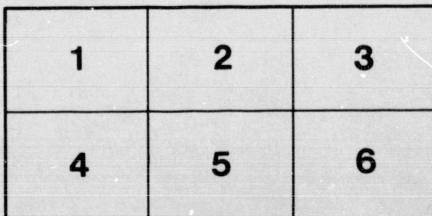
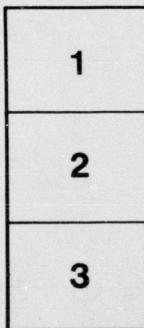
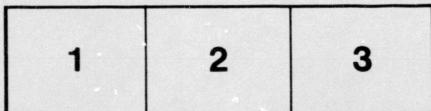
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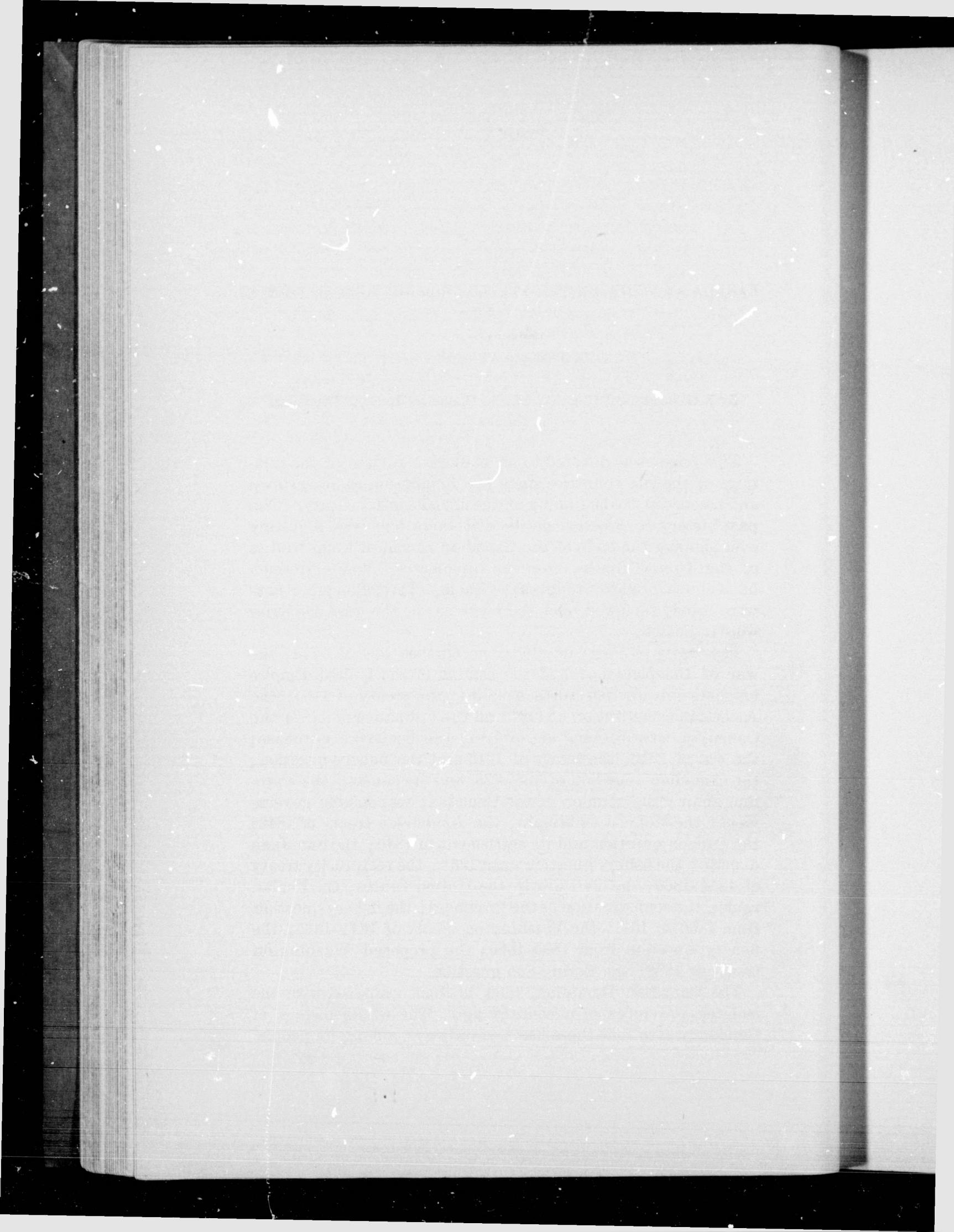
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(ABSTRACT.)

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This paper was devoted to an elaborate review of the relations of the two countries since the foundation of Jamestown and Quebec in the beginning of the seventeenth century. The past history of America shows that there has been a destiny ever shaping the ends of the Canadian communities as well as of the United States, however diplomats and statesmen have endeavored to "rough hew" them. The following events were briefly reviewed, and their effects on the two countries were indicated.

The treaty of Paris of 1763; the Quebec act of 1774; the war of Independence, and the coming of the United Empire loyalists into British North America; the treaty of 1783; the American Constitution of 1787 and the ordinance of 1787; the Canadian constitutional act of 1791; the Louisiana purchase; the war of 1812; the treaty of 1818 and the fishery question; the Canadian rebellion of 1837-'38, and its causes; the Caroline affair; the reunion of the Canadas; responsible government; the McLeod embroilie; the Ashburton treaty of 1842; the Oregon question and its settlement in 1846; the San Juan dispute; the fishery question until 1854; the reciprocity treaty of 1854-1866; the civil war in the United States; the Fenian raids; the confederation of the provinces; the fishery question from 1866 to 1871; the Washington treaty of 1871-1885; the fishery question from 1885-1890; the proposed Washington treaty of 1888; the Bering Sea question.

The Canadian Dominion, 1890, is then compared with the isolated provinces of a century ago. The whole history of Canada proves that there has been always, among its people,

not merely an attachment to England and her institutions, but a latent and powerful influence which, in time of peace as in times of peril, has led them onward in a path of national development which every decade of years has diverged more and more from the great federation of States to their south. The position of Canada in the empire now gives her large influence in imperial councils and in all negotiations and treaties that immediately affect her territorial and other interests in America. Canada is no longer a mere "province"—as Mr. Blaine incorrectly calls her in his correspondence on the Bering Sea difficulty—but a union of provinces and territories extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, legally and constitutionally called a "Dominion," and having large rights under her constitution which practically make her a semi-independent power. Canada has been always ready to agree to a fair measure of reciprocity with her neighbors, but all her efforts so far in that direction are shown to have been fruitless. Canada enters on the future with confidence and tranquillity, and asks nothing from her great competitor except that consideration, justice, and sympathy which are due to a people whose work on this continent has only just begun.

